



AGENDA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

A. Call to Order of the 669th Regular Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of April 25, 2019, at 10:00 AM

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rory Goreé (Telephone)
Vice Chair Thomas Lawless
Commissioner Jay McClintock
Commissioner Charles "Chuck" Coolidge

Also present:

Rudy Casillas, Racing Division Director
Patrick Irvine, Commission Attorney
Greg Stiles, Racing Program Manager
Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary
Sheri Koss, ECU Supervisor/Hearing Supervisor

At the start of the meeting, Vice Chair Lawless, who was running the meeting for Chair Goreé, announced they would begin with Item B.5. as Tom Auther needed to leave early for a funeral.

B. Action Items

At approximately 11:30 AM the Commission finished with Item B.5. and started with the rest of the Action Items in order.

1. AZ Downs Requests Approval of the Following Off-Track Betting Facility:
 - a. Lion's Den Bar & Grill, 2408 E White Mountain Blvd, Pinetop, AZ

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Commissioner McClintock moved to approve the Lion's Den Bar & Grill as an Arizona Downs OTB. Commission Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

2. County Fair Grants re-named as "Burton Kruglick County Fair Grant"

Greg Stiles deferred to Chair Goreé on this Item. Chair Goreé addressed the Commission, explaining Mr. Kruglick's commitment to reviving the County Fair Racing after past funding cuts.

Commissioner McClintock moved to name the County Fair Grants as the "Burton Kruglick County Fair Grant". Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

3. Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association Request to Amend 2019 Race Dates

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission, explaining that while the Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association is approved to run April 27 and 28, 2019 and May 4 and 5, 2019, they traditionally ran only the last two days of their permit. They have requested an amendment to cancel the April dates as they didn't plan to hold races those days.

Commissioner Coolidge moved to approve the request to amend the dates. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

4. Possible Letter to State Representatives Regarding the Horse Integrity Act

Greg Stiles deferred to Chair Goreé on this Item. Chair Goreé addressed the Commission, explaining the request to have the Commission write a letter to Representative McSally, opposing the Horse Integrity Act.

Leroy Gessmann, Executive Director of the HBPA, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Coolidge moved write a letter to Representative McSally against this legislation, supporting the horsemen on this issue. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

5. Proposed Rule Change of A.A.C. R19-2-419(K)

Gerlad "Buzz" Alston, Esq., attorney for Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission. Director Casillas addressed the Commission.

Commissioner McClintock moved to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

**Open Session recessed at 10:07 AM
Open Session reconvened at 10:28 AM**

**Kevin Eikleberry, Owner, addressed the Commission.
Leroy Gessmann, AZ HBPA, addressed the Commission.
Lloyd Yother, AZ HBPA, addressed the Commission.
Tom Auther, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
Gerald "Buzz" Alston, Esq., Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Tom Auther, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
Brian Murray, Lobbyist for Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
Kelsey Lundy, Lobbyist for Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Tom Auther, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
Jerry Simms, Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Joe Jackson, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
Bob Hutton, HBPA, addressed the Commission.
Joe Jackson, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.**

Commissioner McClintock requested to Mr. Aiden Fleming provide his comments regarding Item C.3. Legislative Update, at this time.

Aiden Fleming addressed the Commission on H2547, S1144, S1464, and H2569.

**Brian Murray, Lobbyist, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission.
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Kevin Eikleberry, Owner, addressed the Commission.
Gerald "Buzz" Alston, Esq., Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Lloyd Yother, HBPA, addressed the Commission.
Steve Nolan, Jockey Agent, addressed the Commission.
Leroy Gessmann, Executive Director HBPA, addressed the Commission.**

Rudy Casillas, Director Racing Division, addressed the Commission.

Commission McClintock moved to do nothing on this matter. Motion did not receive a second so Commissioner McClintock withdrew his motion.

No action taken on this item. At 11:20 AM the Commission addressed the other Action Items in order.

C. Information Reports

1. Safety Report(s) (Greg Stiles) – **Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.**
2. Budget Report (Director Casillas) – **Director Casillas address the Commission on the budget.**
3. Legislative Update (Aiden Fleming) – **Aiden Fleming addressed the Commission on H2547, S1144, S1464, and H2569 during Agenda Item B.5.**
4. **Possible Quorum for Derby Day at Turf Paradise Race Course on Saturday, May 4, 2019**
5. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing – **No report.**
 - b. Arizona Downs – **Joe Jackson addressed the Commission.**
 - c. County Fairs – **No report.**
 - d. Rillito Park – **No report.**
 - e. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No report.**
 - f. Turf Paradise – **No report.**
6. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesperson) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **No report.**
 - b. Arizona Greyhound Association – **No report.**
 - c. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association – **No report.**
 - d. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **Debbie Jackson, Executive Director, addressed the Commission.**
 - e. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association – **No report.**
 - f. Jockey's Guild – **No report.**

D. Commission Reports

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion – **No report.**
2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas – **No requested items.**

E. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must sign the signup sheet and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting each presentation will be given approximately two minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date.

Brian Murray, Arizona Downs Lobbyist, addressed the Commission.

F. Announcements

The next regular Arizona Racing Commission meeting tentatively is scheduled for **10:00 AM on Thursday, May 9, 2019**, at 1110 West Washington St., Building Conference Room 250, 2nd Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, and is subject to change based on a quorum. For current information about the Arizona Racing Commission meeting schedule, please visit the Arizona Department of Gaming-Racing Division website (<https://racing.az.gov/racing-commission/commission-calendar-schedule>) or call Cassie Goodwin at 602-771-4263.

G. Adjournment

Commissioner McClintock moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.) Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.